

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD
Effective October 1, 2003

Application or Docket Number

10715097

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS	31	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	31 minus 20=	* 11
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus 3 =	* 1
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

SMALL ENTITY
TYPE

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY
OR

RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
BASIC FEE	385.00	OR BASIC FEE	770.00
X\$ 9=	99	OR X\$18=	
X43=	43	OR X86=	
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL	522	OR TOTAL	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		
					RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
Total	* 35	Minus	** 31	= 4	X\$ 9=	100.00
Independent	* 35	Minus	*** 6	= 0	X43=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						+145=

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY
OR SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	100.00	OR X\$18=	
X43=		OR X86=	
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	100.00	OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		
					RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
Total	* 35	Minus	** 31	= 4	X\$ 9=	
Independent	* 35	Minus	*** 6	= 0	X43=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						+145=

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X43=		OR X86=	
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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AMENDMENT	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		
					RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
Total	* 35	Minus	** 31	= 4	X\$ 9=	
Independent	* 35	Minus	*** 6	= 0	X43=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						+145=

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X43=		OR X86=	
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Burneikis, Virginijus Group Art Unit: 3731

Serial No.: 10/715,097 Examiner: Pous, Natalie R.

Filed: 11/17/2003 Confirmation No. 3256

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR UMBILICUS PROTECTION DURING
ABDOMINAL SURGERY

Attorney Docket No.: 50087-0001

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 7, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period of three months, making any response due by September 7, 2006. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview on June 14, 2006 to clear-up Applicant's questions regarding this Office Action. During the interview, the Examiner agreed to certain amendments in the specification for clarity, as well as the teaching of specific pieces of referenced art. A more complete recitation of the substance of said interview is embodied in the responses and arguments contained in the body of this response. A copy of the interview summary is attached to this response as required by the rules.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

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be reached
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- For processing an application with a specification in a non-English language
(\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.52(d) and 1.17(k))\$
- Processing and retention fee
(\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.53(d) and 1.21(l))\$
- Fee for international-type search report
(\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(e)) \$

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(l) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application that is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(j) and this, as well as the changes to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53 and 1.78(a)(1), indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee must be paid, or the processing and retention fee of Section 1.21(l) must be paid, within 1 year from notification under Section 53(j).

Total Fees Enclosed \$ 527.00

14. Method of Payment of Fees

- Check in the amount of \$ 0.00.
- Charge Account No. 502398 in the amount of \$ 527.00.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.22(b).

15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

WARNING: *If no fees are to be paid on filing, the following items should not be completed.*

WARNING: *Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges, if extra claim charges are authorized.*

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 502398
 - 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
 - 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

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